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Now What Do You Think?

Socialists Carry Elections at Vanduser and Edna—Tuesday Election.

The towns that "had a time" last Tuesday were Vanduser and Edna because the "undesirables" had the impudence to test strength at the ballot box with the "best people." At Vanduser a caucus of Republicans and Democrats was held Monday evening and a ticket labelled "Free-For-All" was hatched out to defeat the Socialists. But the Socialists landed every man on their ticket, viz: Chas. Chaney, W. R. Vowels, S. C. Cavanah, L. E. Warrick, Geo. W. Layton. The highest vote for the Socialists was 28 for W. H. Crannick. After the result was announced Chas. Chaney said to the opposition: "Boys, your mongrel child was born last night; we buried it today." The annexation of the Matthews addition was defeated—32 to 26. Burnett Smith was elected School director.

At Edna they had a real hot time—the full vote turning out. There was a "scrap" on the ticket. The Socialists had put out a full ticket, and as usual in such emergencies, the Republicans and Democrats forgot their differences, joined hands and put out a ticket labelled "Peoples' Progressive Ticket."

The Socialists elected three of the five trustees, J. R. Schultz, an engineer, received 96—the highest vote polled for the Socialist ticket. Roy Shibley and J. W. Jacob, Socialists, were also elected—each receiving 79 votes. Dave Gramlin and S. A. Paine were the other trustees elected—Gramlin receiving the highest vote of the Demo-Rep. ticket—74. Gramlin is said to be ineligible—having been a resident of the state less than one year.

The Morley correspondent reports that the Socialists there had a ticket in the field composed of Wm. H. Black, T. P. Randall, G. T. Robinson, L. Oment and N. J. Riggins. He does not give the vote but says "they made a very good race for the first time." The trustee elected was P. H. Boyce, C. D. M. Gorton, R. L. Harrison, C. D. Harris, R. L. Buck. School directors—P. H. Boyce, L. L. Hunter.

At Benton the neighbors had no reason to quarrel over so they took a whack at "improvements" and stirred up quite a fuss. W. H. H. Hutson, V. L. Harris, R. A. King, R. M. Timmerman and V. L. Harris were elected trustees. Mr. Harris was also elected director.

At Oran 207 votes were polled at the school meeting. Jas. P. Allen was re-elected director. In the city election W. Z. Maxwell was re-elected Mayor; R. B. Lyons, alderman first ward; M. Q. Tanner, 2d ward; J. W. Clemson, 3d ward; George Metz, 4th ward.

At Sikeston the "reformers" won. Dr. Malcomb was elected mayor; Joe W. Moore, city attorney; G. B. Parsons, police judge; Joe Randall, police chief.

IS THIS RIGHT?

Friday the saloon-keepers of New Hamburg, by authority of the nation, state, county and municipality, sold to Wendeline Bucher liquor. Bucher became violent, threw a bottle at Frank Henning in Scherer's saloon and knocked down Adam Dirnberger, the village marshal. The New Hamburg authorities refused to act. A warrant was sworn out before Judge Cannon Monday and Sheriff Guber brought young Bucher in. He pleaded guilty to two charges of disturbing the peace and one charge of assault. The total fines amounted to \$41 and twenty days in jail and the costs amounted to \$28.20.

New Hamburg is an incorporated town with a municipal government. It has full power to enact laws and assess punishment for misdemeanors. I do not believe that a Benton justice has any jurisdiction over minor offenses committed within the corporate limits of any town, nor do I believe that it is either the duty or privilege of the county attorney to prosecute such cases. Yet when a town gets a case that it doesn't care to handle it too often saddles the costs onto the taxpayers of the county.

Young Bucher has no money to pay his fine and may have to "board out" the fines and costs. In this case the tax-payers will suffer. On the other hand young Bucher has an honest and industrious father who has committed no offense. Shall he be made to suffer? In either event the "innocent bystander" gets punished, and the tax-payers are sure to pay for the twenty days imprisonment. Why? New Hamburg wants saloons; let her pay the price. She has a prison, but the sheriff will take her prisoners if she will pay for it.

Oran has a prisoner here serving a 30-day sentence imposed by the Oran mayor. Oran pays the bill. Why should Oran pay and New Hamburg not?

When the county court refuses to pay such bills the practice

THE ATHLETIC MEET.

The athletic meet of the schools of Scott county at the Benton school grounds last Saturday will linger long in the memory of the children who took part. The event far exceeded the expectation of Superintendent Smith and had reason to be proud of the interest manifested.

Six weeks ago the children knew nothing of what was expected of them, but as soon as they were informed they became active and the result, as shown at Saturday's exercises, was pleasing. Morley carried off first honors and was awarded the banner. The score:

Basket ball for girls—Oran defeated Morley.

Basket ball for boys—Morley defeated Blodgett and then Oran beat Morley.

50-yard dash—C. Bryant, Morley, 1st; Buchanan, Blodgett, 2d.

100-yard dash—Wallace Applegate, Sikeston, 1st; Len McMullin, Sikeston, 2d.

Running broad jump—Thurman Swain, Morley, 1st; Don Lossing, Sikeston, 2d. Record, 17 1/2 feet.

Standing broad jump—Don Lossing, Sikeston, 1st; Lloyd Ferguson, Oran, 2d. 9 ft. 5 1/2 in.

Running hop, step and jump—Wallace Howell, Morley, 1st; Vincent Tenkoff, Oran, 2d. 37 feet, 4 1/2 inches.

Standing hop, step and jump for boys under 15—T. J. Humphrey, Oran, 1st; Claude Bryant, Morley, 2d. 23 1/2 feet.

Running high jump—Len McMullin, Sikeston, 1st; Don Lossing, Sikeston, 2d. 4 ft. 7 1/2 in.

Shot-put—Wallace Howell, Morley, 1st; Wallace Applegate, Sikeston, 2d. 33 ft. 2 1/2 inches.

Relay race—three on a side—Sikeston defeated Morley.

The winner of first place in each event scored two points and second place one point. Points gained were as follows: Morley, 14; Sikeston, 12; Oran, 9; Blodgett, 1. Morley took the banner and left the ring for the others to cheer.

AROUND BENTON.

As was expected when the article on the first page, entitled "Bushwhacker" was put into type, communications in reply to "Obe" are already coming in. But they will not appear. There is no space to waste on bushwhackers. One from J. W. Adams, Blodgett. He does not take the organ, but says the was shown the article by a man whose subscription had expired in 1901—seven years ago. It is now a violation of the postal law to send a paper to subscribers who are more than one year in arrears, and if the people who are imposed on by such publications will tell their troubles to the Third Assistant Postmaster at Washington the practice may be checked.

J. D. Green, of Blodgett, ex-president of the county farmers' union, was here Monday. Mr. Green is president of the Socialist league at Blodgett and regards Socialism as the political faith for the farmer. He owns about 800 acres of the land and no man stands higher in his community. He is well posted, and it has any tears that Socialism will "destroy the home" or "divide up the property" he said nothing about it.

John Morrie, Wm. Schott, John Kilbatter, Joe Hoeller, Joe, Uebahn, Louis Gietz and John Haman, all of the New Hamburg school district, were here Wednesday. At the school meeting Tuesday the Wyle district voted to take 2,220 acres of territory from the west end of New Hamburg district. New Hamburg voted to retain it. The school commissioner was seen and the matter will be taken up by him.

The county doctor's trust known as the "medical association" met in Benton Monday. The lawyer's also have a trust called the "bar association," and the banker's trust is known as the "banker's association." Why should not the farmers have a little trust called the farmer's union?

Leo Schoen came down from St. Louis Saturday and spent Sunday with his wife who is visiting the family of Adam Essner near Benton. This week Mrs. Schoen and Miss Regina Essner are visiting at Perkins and Rockview.

John W. Heeb, president of the county farmer's union, and Isaac Eilers, of Chaffee, were here Monday. Mr. Heeb says he expects a good attendance at the county union meeting at Chaffee next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Joyce came up from Richwoods and spent a few hours with the family of Arthur Joyce, near Benton, Thursday of last week.

While working at the saw mill here Lon Atherton had his foot seriously mangled by the carrier. He was taken to the hospital at the Cape.

The county Board of Equalization is in session this week. A short session of county court was also held.

Chap Wade, who for a long time has been suffering with sore eyes, is reported to have lost his sight.

E. A. Johnson, Andy Miller and Oscar Colwell, of Commerce, were here Monday.

J. W. Huff, of Randles, was in Benton Saturday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson died Tuesday.

FROM ORAN.

The county athletic meet of last Saturday drew several of our towns people over to Benton. Our school was well represented, all the teachers and quite a number of the students being present. The day was all that could be desired for such an occasion and those who took part acquitted themselves admirably. By far the most interesting feature of the day was the basket ball. The first number on the program was a game between the girls' teams of Oran and Morley. The Oran girls, while they had had their ball only three weeks, had a much stronger team than Morley and easily won by a score of 28 to 4. The girls who represented Oran were: forwards, Flossie Eastman and Audrey Vaughn; center, Irma Melton and Edith Harris; and guards, Esta Eastman and Minnie Vaughn. Immediately following this came the races, jumping and shot put in which Oran took some part, although no special practice whatever had been made for any of them. The closing event was the boys' ball game between Oran and Morley. During this the excitement was intense, but our boys played a game that showed skill and good training. The score stood 19 to 4 at the close of the last half and cheer after cheer arose for the victors. The line up of the boys was: forwards, Vester Reynolds and Boyd Finh; center, G. J. Humphreys; guards, first half, Zollie Glenn and Harold Stubblefield, and last half, Zollie Glenn and Ray Finley. We are particularly proud of our boys and girls, not only because they were able to win the honors of the game, but also for their gentlemanly and ladylike conduct. The outlook for our future nation is truly great when it depends on such men and women as these bid fair to become.

On Wednesday Rev. Lindsay Haw, of Farmington, visited the school and delivered an able address to the teachers and pupils. He spoke of the great necessity of the pupils being studious and of how important it was that they strive to improve the opportunities now offered them while young. Rev. Haw is a young man of pleasing address and his visit was an inspiration to the entire school—including teachers and students.

E. E. Smith, of Potosi, moved to this place last week and at present he and his family occupy the Hobbs house. Mr. Smith has formed a co-partnership with A. J. Matthews for the purpose of engaging in the breeding and raising thorough-bred stock of all kinds. As soon as a suitable dwelling can be erected on the Matthews farm Mr. Smith will move out and take charge.

Albert Galena, who has an interest in the nurseries at Vienna, Ill., was here last week with a view of starting a plant of that kind here. In conjunction with Caleb Matthews a plot of ground was secured and a number of apple tree bulbs were put out with a view of testing or experimenting on an industry of that kind here.

Three Rhinecorn, who planted some three acres in onions, says the first planting is now large enough to plow. While the rains prevented the early planting of the crop, as was desirable, yet he still thinks the raising of onions here can be made a success. As this crop is a new venture in this locality we hope that success may attend his efforts.

Prosecuting Attorney Mosely, of Benton, was here Friday. While here he visited the public school and delivered an able address. Attorney Mosely is a man of action as well as of words and his address will tend to encourage and stimulate the entire school.

On April 1 Tolbert Fink, Albert Ringo, Joe Glenn, Neely Miller and Will Steel attended the meeting of the Southeast Missouri Modern Woodman of America at Sikeston. Tolbert Fink was elected a delegate of that order to the state convention to be held at Carthage May 10.

William Maddox on Thursday sold his forty acre tract of land lying about one mile east of town and on the Oran and Benton road to Cassie Hunt, of Chaffee, for \$1,200. Maddox is moving to town and Hunt will take possession at once.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wescoat, of Farmington, are visiting their son, Dr. W. H. Wescoat. Uncle John has a very retentive memory and when he gets in a reminiscence mood can narrate many of the past events of Farmington.

Mrs. Aubuchon and family, of Charleston, moved last week into one of the D. H. Harper dwellings. Mrs. Aubuchon—assisted by her three daughters, all about grown—has come here to engage in the dress making business.

B. F. Query, a former resident here, but of late years a resident of Jackson, has decided to return and he and his family arrived here Tuesday. We welcome Bob and his estimable family among us.

On Thursday evening the W. C. T. U. was entertained at the home of Mrs. W. H. Stubblefield. A programme of general interest and enjoyable character was a feature of the evening.

Charles Mason, of Vanduser, while driving out of town Saturday, on nearing the crossing of the Frisco railroad, he was bruised up considerably by the horse he was driving taking fright, running and overturning the buggy.

Representative Dr. S. J. Wade, of Benton, was here Thursday greeting his many friends. During the last session of the legislature he served his constituency in a very creditable manner.

The Ladies Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. J. L. Hale on Wednesday evening. Luncheon was served.

Thomas A. Myers moved this week to Sikeston where he will be in the employ of the stock company as trainer. R. F. Query moved into the house vacated by him.

George W. Finley has had his dwelling near the schoolhouse repaired and repapered, adding to the appearance of the premises.

Mrs. Caleb Matthews, who has been visiting relatives in New Madrid county for the past week, returned home Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Stubblefield and son, Harold, called on Mrs. Chas. E. and Miss Frances P. Moore Sunday.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Blanche Legrange Friday evening. All report a grand time.

The Oran base ball team went up to Chaffee Sunday and defeated the Chaffee team. Score 18 to 11.

Mrs. Thomas A. Myers and children are visiting relatives in Cape Girardeau county.

Ex-Collector R. L. Harrison, of Morley, (he is Farmer Bob now) was here Wednesday.

Charles Chaney and Burnett J. Smith, of Vanduser, were here Thursday.

James P. Norrid and Richard Finley, of Benton, were here Wednesday.

FROM ROCKVIEW.

There was a misunderstanding about the date of the meeting of the Socialist Local and as a result there were not many present. We chartered with 18 members and expect to double the number in a month.

The high water gives employment to our people. They are killing fish that weigh from 3 to 17 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Holmes visited the family of M. L. Smith at Chaffee this week.

Knight Kinslow moved to Hiram Sinkard's place.

W. L. Betts died and was buried at Morley.

W. M. Jones and W. G. Belk are sick.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Totty, a girl, Mike Scherer has pneumonia.

FROM ROCK CHURCH.

On Monday of last week Mrs. Julius Albrecht died from the effects of injuries received in a runaway accident—an account of which appeared in the last issue of the Kicker. She was 57 years old and was married to Judge Albrecht in 1872. They have lived a happy and industrious life and had provided comfort and plenty for their declining years—when the worst happened. Mrs. Albrecht leaves five daughters and three sons. She was buried in the Lutheran cemetery and the very large attendance at her funeral attests to the high esteem in which she was held.

Next Sunday (Palm Sunday) confirmation will be held at the Rock Church. At the morning service, beginning at 9:30, a class of six will be examined in the German language. In the afternoon, beginning at 2:30, a class of three will be examined in the English language.

Henry Kurre, a good farmer of Daisy, Cape county, is dead. He had been to Appleton, drank freely and, on his way home, laid down in a fence corner where he died from exposure.

Ernest Eiert and Charles Willis have contracted to build a house for Henry Meinz near Pleasant Hill. Casper Roth was at Benton Monday.

FROM CROOKED CREEK.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Lackey returned to their home at Cape Girardeau last week. Mrs. Lackey has been here for some time with her mother, Mrs. Renfro Clymer, who has been sick for quite a while but is now much improved.

Jonah Clymer, of Campbell, returned home Sunday after a few days' visit here.

Mrs. Lizzie Williams, of Commerce, was the guest of Mrs. Kerley this week.

J. H. Brannan, of Vanduser, organized a Socialist Local at Macedonia last Thursday night with 11 members.

Mrs. John Burger, of Cape Girardeau, is visiting relatives here. Charlie Smith was an Illinois visitor last week.

FROM MORLEY.

Among those who were here from other towns Sunday were Norvell Anderson, of Commerce, Rev. J. R. Daugherty and Arthur Chismson, of Benton, and Claude Wylie, of Chaffee.

Mrs. Winchester, a very old lady, died Monday. Deceased had lived in Morley for years and left many relatives and friends.

Mr. Brown, of Vanduser, is employed to work on the Scott County Citizen this week.

The people of Ward district are talking of building a concrete school house.

Rev. Walton's son, of Illinois, is visiting his parents here.

Rev. Walton returned from Richwoods Tuesday.

Editor Brewster was in Blodgett Monday.

Rev. Daugherty preached here Sunday.

FROM VANDUSER.

Bro. Patterson filled his appointment here the first Saturday and Sunday and had a large and appreciative audience.

Claud Hamilton, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hamilton, has been sick with pneumonia.

Levi Smith and wife have returned to Vanduser after spending the winter months in Evansville, Ind.

Essie and Lucas Potter visited their aunt, Sufraona Grojean, of Oran, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ruby McAlister, of Caruthersville, is assisting Mrs. Mayes in the millinery business.

Mrs. Baker, who has been quite sick for some time, is slowly improving.

Otto Baker, of Chaffee, was called to the bedside of his mother Monday.

Bro. Walton will fill the pulpit at the M. E. Church Friday night.

Jodie Goza, of Advance, was here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Cline has his new residence nearly completed.

J. R. Joyce has his new barn almost completed.

Mr. Pahner moved to Sikeston Sunday.

FROM MULLIN'S ISLAND.

Huse Jones, of Columbus, Ky., visited his daughter, Mrs. J. T. Fields, a few days last week—returning Saturday.

T. C. Campbell and family visited Mrs. Campbell's parents near Oran Sunday.

W. W. Werneck and wife, of Richwoods, visited at George Perry's Sunday.

John Thompson and family, of Morley, visited at E. A. Carter's Sunday.

The Misses Engie and Emma Fields visited friends at Oran Monday.

J. T. Fields and family visited relatives at Oran Thursday.

Charlie Anderson was at Blodgett Saturday.

FROM WARD'S SWITCH.

Mrs. Charlie Miller and daughter, Maude, of Benton, visited Mrs. Zach Davis last Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Marr, of Blodgett, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Will Dickerson.

FROM LITTLE RIVER.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jones, of Chaffee, are visiting their parents. Joseph Utage and family visited at Ward's Switch Sunday.

FROM COMMERCE.

Reece Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bell, of St. Louis, but former residents of this community, was killed here Tuesday on the hill. The young man was about 25 years old. He was shot while walking along the streets of St. Louis. His parents and brother, Ode, accompanied the remains.

Jim Matthews left Wednesday for his home in Mississippi after spending several weeks with his mother who has been very sick.

Mable Palmer, of Cape Girardeau, was visiting friends in town last week.

Mrs. Miley and father, of Sikeston, attended the funeral of Reece Bell.

Green Tindall of Cape Girardeau county was in town Saturday.

Miss Sallie Rodgers, the Benton hat maker, was over Sunday.

Mrs. Allen, of Cape Girardeau, is nursing Mrs. Matthews.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Williams last week, a boy.

Murry Powell, of Blodgett, was in town Monday.

Barney Wagner, of Oran, was here Monday.

FROM REDMAN.

Mrs. G. W. Shawn, of Cape Girardeau, passed through here on her way home Friday. She had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wren Stanley, at Crowder.

Miss Clara Sutherland started home to Rossburg, Ohio Friday. She will stop off at Indianapolis, Ind., and spend a few days with relatives.

Canzada Clymer and daughter, Alma, of Edna, came down Sunday to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Reynolds.

Ed. Kneezle and family, of near Unity, spent Sunday with Mrs. Kneezle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Simmons.

Burl Arthur and Dennis Simmons, Elmer Heney and Thos. Swafford were Blodgett visitors Monday.

Mrs. Jack Spillard and daughter, Sula, went to McClure, Ill. Saturday to visit her father—returning Monday.

Chas. Reynolds and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Reynolds' parents, south of Commerce.

Miss Minnie Harrison returned home Sunday from Commerce where she had been visiting her brother, Rolla.

The Cross Plains Scrubs will cross bats with Benton's first team at Cross Plains Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. George Kanzler and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ruby Kanzler, are visiting relatives in Kentucky.

Tom Ditterline and son, Chas., and Clarence Mercer were Cape Girardeau visitors Saturday.

George Harrison and family spent Sunday with Tom Bass and family at Commerce.

Minnie Ditterline, who has been quite sick with pneumonia, is improving.

Seth Rapp and son, Omar, were Commerce visitors Sunday.

R. L. Buck, of Morley, was in our vicinity last week.

FROM ANCELL.

Born to Mrs. Hurvey, wife of our young and clever station agent, on Sunday, April 5, a girl. Mrs. Hurvey is getting along nicely and Mr. Hurvey is slowly improving.

Major Brooks has been trying to get the right of way through our town for the new railroad.

We noticed Will Essner, of Rockview, on our streets Sunday. Something interests him at Kelso, we think.

Buster, the little son of Pearl Daugherty, who has been very sick, is convalescent.

Jno. Lipps' little girl has been very sick.

ATTENTION, SOCIALISTS.

The central committee of the Socialist party of Scott county is hereby called to meet at Morley, Saturday, April 25, 1908, at 1 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of nominating a county ticket. Each local will be entitled to three representatives. All locals are expected to contribute liberally to defray the necessary expense of the campaign. Let there be full representation at Morley. J. H. Brannan, County Sec.

FARMER'S MEETING.

The county meeting of the Scott County F. E. & C. U. of A. meets at Chaffee Tuesday and Wednesday of next week—April 14 and 15.

Business Locals.

J. H. Massey & Co. have taken charge of the poultry house at Oran and will pay cash for all kind of country produce. (23-41.)

A comfortable shoe adds much to the comfort of the person. Petters' shoes are comfortable. And they last. For sale by W. H. Heisserer, Benton, Mo.

For Sale.—Full-blood Scotch Collie dogs. E. L. Miller, Oran, 21.

Having sold my grocery business at Oran I will again take up real estate. If you have a farm or town property for sale, list it with me. If you want to buy, see me. D. H. Harper, Oran, Mo. (21-41.)

J. H. Massey & Co. have taken charge of the poultry house at Oran and will pay cash for all kind of country produce. (23-41.)

For Sale.—My butcher shop and slaughter house complete. A bargain if taken at once. Chas. Petty, Commerce. (21-31.)

LOST.—On February 15, somewhere between Benton and New Hamburg, a man's hornless saddle. Return to Kicker and get reward.

HORSES.—Do you own a riding? If so, have him castrated by R. W. Fisher, M. D. C., who is an expert cryptorchid castrator and cattle spayer. It will pay you to have your hoiwers spayed. For terms address Farley & Fisher, veterinarian's hospital, 429 S. 3d St. Paducah, Ky. 20-41.

Farmers, you know what American Wire Fencing is. If you need any, see me and get prices. W. H. Heisserer, Benton, Mo.

J. H. Massey & Co. have taken charge of the poultry house at Oran and will pay cash for all kind of country produce. (23-41.)

Notice.—Edna Socialist local meets 1st and 3d Saturday nights of each month at Red Men's hall, North Illinois. Everybody invited.

J. T. Williams, Sec.

Ladies, the season for wash goods is here. You will find what you want in this line at W. H. Heisserer's, Benton, Mo.

\$50 REWARD.—We will pay a \$50 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone guilty of stealing stock belonging to any of our members.

Stockmen's Union, Vanduser, Mo.

Ladies, see my line of spring wash goods. W. H. Heisserer.

Write us for descriptive list of farms for sale in Southeast Missouri and North Arkansas. Hamilton-Brown Real Estate Co., Moody, Mo. (19-41.)

Miss Rodgers, who has charge of the millinery department, can save you money. Don't fail to call and see her line. W. H. Heisserer.

A. L. MILLS.

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